Futures Planning for US Special Operations Forces

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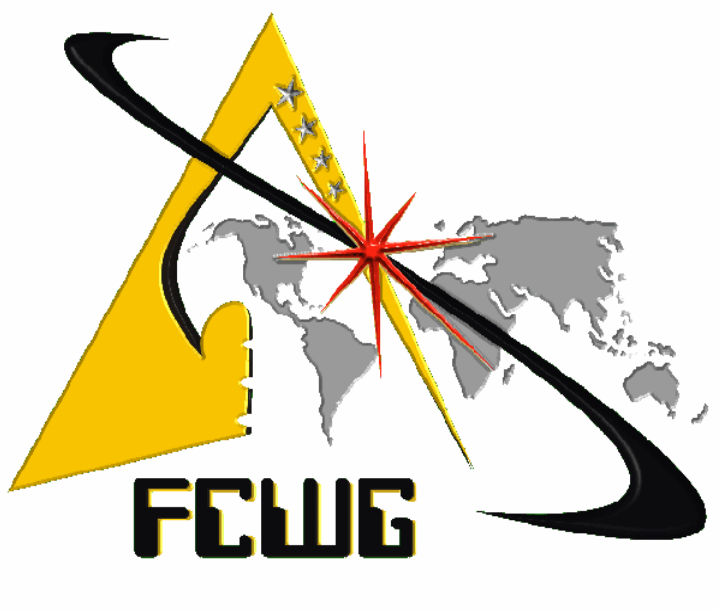
AGENDA

- Introduction to SOCOM Future Concepts
- Call for Ideas

BACKGROUND



- Chartered in 1997
- Network of 300+ from services, labs, academia, etc.
- New concept development and long-range planning

MISSION

Vision to Reality

Gather ideas, whatever the source, and develop concepts, link with operational and program strategies, and continuously build toward vision

RESPONSIBILITIES

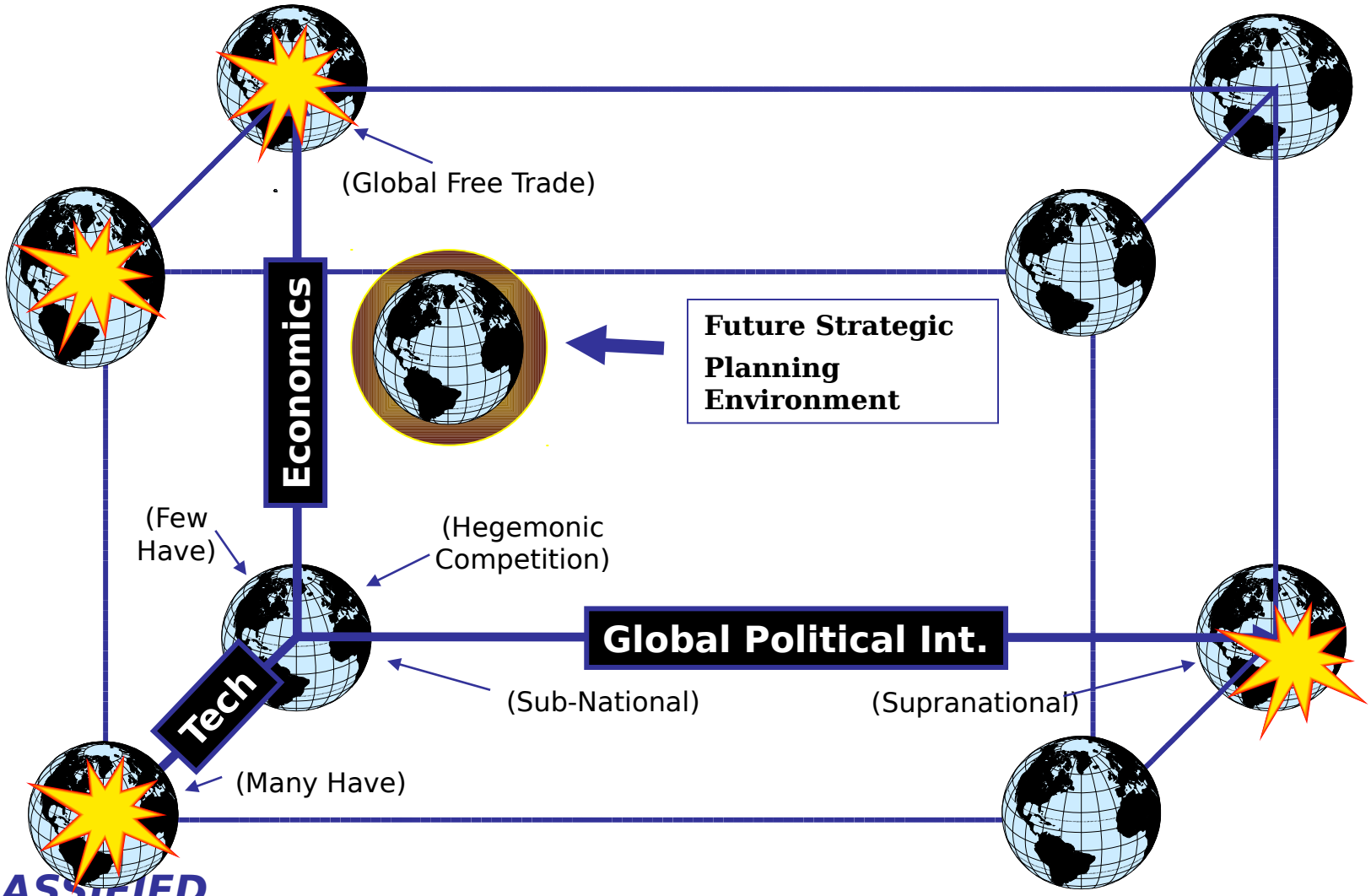
- **Link battle lab and R&D initiatives**
- **Serve as a joint forum to address new challenges, anticipate trends, future scenarios and provide a cross flow of information**
- **Bridge the gap between the FYDP-oriented SPP and SOF Vision 2020**
- **Utilize assessment phase of LRPP to develop solution sets to satisfy the Attributes**

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

- **2001-2002 Completed a futures study that bounds the future conditions**
  - **Alternate Future Scenarios**
  - **Intentionally Extreme, yet plausible**

- **2002-2003 Analyzed the future environment for needed capabilities and force attributes.**

ALTERNATE FUTURES



Ubiquitous Access
C4ISR Dominance
Distinctive Personnel
Precision Strike and Effects
Agile Logistics
SOF Warrior
SOF Truths
SOF Core Values
Tailored & Integrated Operations
Force Protection & Survivability
Regional Expertise, Presence, & Influence

COMMANDER'S VISION

1. **War on Terrorism**
   - Maximize use of GLOBAL SCOUTS
   - More capable SOF / Focused Intel
   - Authority for operations in a timely manner
   - Robust JSOC & TSOCs
   - Increased SOF Responsiveness
2. **Readiness**
   - Right people in the right numbers with the right skills
   - Equipment standards
   - Flexible and capable organizations
   - Reporting & Sustainability
3. **Transformation**
   - Organization change both internal and external
   - Invest in the future vice the past (Legacy Systems)

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General Brown is searching for innovative ideas, cutting edge technology and concepts, applicable to today's fight as well as future conflicts facing Special Forces. The Futures Branch is in the process of restructuring to meet the requirements.

We need your ideas

Provide Material / Nonmaterial Ideas

USSOCOM's SOCWEB Main Page

Branch Members

SOF VISION 2020

NEW!

Coronado Meeting After Action

THE WAY AHEAD

Branch Activities/Meetings

Joint Community Products

Future Concepts Products/References

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Links

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Future Concepts

General Brown, Commander, United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) has **directed** the Futures Branch to **seek out ideas, concepts and/or technologies** that can impact our current fight in the War on Terrorism or impact conflicts USSOCOM may face in the future. **We need your help**! Give us your idea or simply tell us where to look for new ideas, concepts or technologies. We welcome all of your comments and ideas.

Enter your material / nonmaterial ideas below:

Tell us how to get in touch with you

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☐ Please contact me as soon as possible regarding this matter.

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